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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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16 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, et al.,

17 Plaintiffs

18 v.

19 DONALD J. TRUMP. et al.,

20 Defendants.

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22 Case No. 3:25-cv-03698-SI

23 **MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OF SCOTT C. PITCOCK**
24 **IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS**

25 (CIVIL L.R. 7-11 and 79-5(C))

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1 **INTEREST OF AMICUS**

2 Amicus is a former GS-12 IT Specialist employed by the U.S. Food and Drug
3 Administration (FDA), where he worked, in part, on identity and access management, applying
4 federal cybersecurity controls and responding to failures in secure environments. Having been
5 directly affected by Executive Order 14210, Amicus offers this brief to provide technical context
6 and documentation that may assist the Court in evaluating agency conduct and cybersecurity
7 compliance during the relevant period.

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9 Amicus does not seek personal relief. This brief is offered solely to assist the Court in
10 understanding the procedural and technical risks introduced by Executive Order 14210, informed
11 by firsthand experience and a professional background in federal cybersecurity controls. Amicus
12 has made every effort to understand and follow applicable rules.

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14 **BASIS FOR LEAVE**

15 District courts have broad discretion to grant leave to file amicus briefs. See *Hoptowit v.*
16 *Ray*, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir. 1982), abrogated on other grounds by *Sandin v. Conner*, 515
17 U.S. 472 (1995); *Miller-Wohl Co. v. Comm’r of Lab. & Indus.*, 694 F.2d 203, 204 (9th Cir.
18 1982). As recognized in *California v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior*, 381 F. Supp. 3d 1153, 1163–64
19 (N.D. Cal. 2019), district courts in this circuit routinely permit amicus filings that bring forward
20 unique facts, subject-matter expertise, or perspectives not otherwise represented in the litigation.

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22 Amicus respectfully submits that his filing meets this standard. The brief consolidates
23 firsthand factual evidence, cybersecurity compliance analysis, and exhibits that may assist the
24 Court in evaluating post-separation risk, compliance breakdowns, and institutional exposure. It is
25 not duplicative of the parties’ submissions and is offered in good faith to support judicial review.

1 **CONCLUSION**

2 For the reasons stated above, Amicus respectfully requests that the Court grant leave to
3 file the attached Amicus Curiae Brief in Support of Plaintiffs. A proposed order is submitted
4 concurrently with this motion.

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7 Respectfully submitted,

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9 Dated: June 6, 2025

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